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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment and Response to Office Action is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2007. A response to the April 18, 2007 Office Action was originally due on July 18, 2007. Applicants are concurrently filing a one-month extension of time to extend the response deadline to August 20, 2007, August 18 being a Saturday. Thus this Amendment and Response to Office Action is timely filed.

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